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MEMORANDUM FOR : Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : Temporary Delegation of Authority for Short-Term Extensions Beyond Mandatory Retirement Age for Participants in the CIA Retirement and Disability System

REFERENCE : Memo from D/Pers to Director, dated 12 Jul 66, Same Subject

1. This memorandum is for information in response to your questions concerning the referenced memorandum.

2. First, as to the delay in completing the screening process:

a. You may recall that in January of this year you released a memorandum to each of the Deputy Directors urging that they give priority attention to completing the screening phase of designating on-duty employees as participants in the System. The Career Services responded well and their efforts are reflected in the data set forth in the attachment, which shows the number of cases pending by individual Career Services as of 23 February 1966, when the final rosters were issued, and as of 16 August 1966.

b. The data in the attachment indicate that the major backlog of pending cases is in the Clandestine Services Career Service. Officials in that Service had decided earlier not to "red-line" or declare ineligible during the initial screening any employee with insufficient overseas service whose domestic service might later be determined to be qualifying service. It was also desirable not to precipitate numerous questions about domestic qualifying duty and possibly generate appeals during this initial processing period. The CS Career Service is now in the process of releasing all of their cases, and their backlog is being reduced rapidly.

3. Efforts to complete the screening process:

a. A regular follow up has been conducted with individual Career Services in an effort to expedite the completion of the initial screening phase.

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b. From the total of [] employees on the initial call-up rosters, only [] cases were pending as of 16 August 1966. [] of these are

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in the Clandestine Service Career Service. Assuming that the screening efforts of this Career Service continue, it is estimated that the over-all screening process can be completed by 30 September 1966.

/s/ Emmett D. Echols

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